

## **NEW YORK**

**TOTAL CENSUS:** 19,046,037

### **PROVIDERS AND SERVICES**

**HOSPITALS:** 203

**BED CAPACITY:** 3/ 1000

**NURSING FACILITIES:** 638

**BED CAPACITY:** 117,992

**ADULT LIVING/ ASSISTED LIVING:** 108,749

**BED CAPACITY:** UNAVAILABLE

- **UNABLE TO LOCATE DATA:** Ambulatory service

**WEBSITE:** [WWW.HEALTH.STATE.NY.US](http://WWW.HEALTH.STATE.NY.US)

Comment: Site is extremely easy to navigate. Title Tabs will lead to educational guidelines, forms, reports and resource materials.

### **New York State endeavors in Infection Control Improvement Practices:**

- **Infection Control and Barrier Precaution Law:**

August 1992: Mandated training for healthcare professionals on infection control and barrier precautions every four years upon renewal of license. 2009 will now include medical students.

- **Communicable Disease Reporting Law:**

October 1998: All Health Care Centers- Hospital, Nursing Home, Assisted Living (et al), physician office, and clinics. Also, included were guidelines for outbreak of infectious disease.

- **Executive Order: Prevention Toward the Healthiest State**

January 2007: 10 Priorities; Infectious Disease identified as one, which the focus is pneumococcal and influenza immunization in 65+ year old, HIV, gonorrhea and tuberculosis.

March 2007: Hospital- Acquired Infection Reporting System Pilot

Executive Summary Report: June 2008 available at:

[www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/hospital/reports/hospital\\_acquired\\_infections/docs/hospital-acquired-infections-full\\_report.pdf](http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/hospital/reports/hospital_acquired_infections/docs/hospital-acquired-infections-full_report.pdf)

Comment:

The Pilot Study focused on the following data reported from Hospital of hospital-acquired infections:

- Colon surgical site infections
- Coronary artery bypass graft surgical sites
- Central line associated blood stream infections in adults/ pediatric ICU
- Central line associated blood stream infections in neonatal ICU

Initial phase of reporting identified educational improvement needs for professional staff in regard to definitions, criteria, surveillance and analysis, Data is not presently available for consumer review. Plan for 2009 is to ensure universal criteria for reporting, education and surveillance. There is no mention of consumer education for infection prevention practices.

Mandated communicable disease reporting by all health care providers since 1998 is reported by county statistic listing from 1998 through to present. Unable to identify if data is analyzed determining possible causative factors or practices; or the implementation of preventive action plans.

NY State home page, Table Tab site, "Healthy Life Styles and Prevention" does not provide education for the Consumer in regards to definitions of infections, preventative measures or life style changes in regard to responsibility to aid in decreasing the chance of infection.